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MWH selected for engineering services

East Gippsland Water has selected MWH Australia to provide the bulk of its engineering services, commencing this coming spring.

MWH boasts worldwide expertise in the field of water engineering and significant experience servicing the Victorian water industry over many years.

As part of their arrangement with East Gippsland Water, the company will be setting up a local office in Bairnsdale. They will be utilising local skills and resources, and partnering with local companies.

The selection of MWH follows a rigorous assessment process spanning more than five months, with expressions of interest received from 19 companies.

It follows a very productive relationship spanning nearly 20 years with AECOM and its predecessor organisations Maunsell, EarthTech, Fisher Stewart, and Garlick and Stewart.

Said East Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Bruce Hammond: "We need to ensure that we continue to offer best value to our customers, in light of very tight economic parameters set by the water industry's economic regulator, the Essential Services Commission. These parameters, which have determined the direction of our business plan over the next five years, known as Water Plan 3, will see our capital investment shrink quite significantly, which is a situation reflected around the water industry in Victoria.

"MWH is committed to establishing a base in the region to further strengthen our performance in delivering value for money services.

"It is also appropriate that we recognise the good working relationship we have enjoyed with AECOM and their invaluable contribution to our operations over the years."

East Gippsland Water's present contract with AECOM is due to expire this October. The water corporation will be working closely with both AECOM and MWH over the coming months to make the transition to the new contractor as smooth as possible.

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